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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3698

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, ASEC, LE
SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION: JULY 4, 1978, 1830 HOURS LOCAL

REF: BEIRUT 3697 (DTG 041005Z JUL 78)

1. UNEASY CEASE-FIRE IN BEIRUT WAS BROKEN AT ABOUT 1430 HOURS LOCAL TIME JULY 4, WHEN HEAVY SMALL ARMS, ROCKET AND
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ARTILLERY FIRE RESUMED, PRIMARILY IN EAST BEIRUT AND NEAR-BY SUBURBS. AT 1630 HOURS, HOWEVER, ONE ROCKET OR ARTILLERY ROUND HIT IN AYN MREISSE, ABOUT 300 METERS FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. ARMED MUSLIM MILITIA ARE PATROLLING THE STREETS IN WEST BEIRUT IN ABSENCE OF SYRIAN ADF FORCES INVOLVED IN EAST BEIRUT FIGHTING. AS OF 1830 FIRING IS CONTINUING.

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2. AT 1615 HOURS AMBASSADOR OBSERVED 10 LEBANESE TANKS, FLAGS FLYING, MOVING DOWN THE DAMASCUS ROAD TOWARDS EAST BEIRUT.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY ANY GOL OFFICIALS TODAY, JULY 4. WE SPECULATE THAT SYRIANS HAVE TOLD GOL NOT REPEAT NOT TO REQUEST USG INTERVENTION.

4. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE FIGHTING TO DATE.

5. COMMENT. THE SYRIAN ADF HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN PROVOKED DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, BUT THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN SPOILING FOR A FIGHT, AND THEIR REACTION HAS BEEN MASSIVE AND HARSH.
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